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## **Wyo. National Guard names Heroes Among Us recipients**

CHEYENNE – Four members of the Wyoming National Guard will be awarded Saturday night for heroic actions performed outside of normal military duties.

The four personnel each will receive a Heroes Among Us Award from Gov. Dave Freudenthal and Maj. Gen. Ed Wright, Wyoming's adjutant general, at the annual Wyoming National Guard Governor's Reception.

"We recognize our soldiers and airmen each year for going above and beyond the call of duty to assist our fellow community members," said Maj. Gen. Ed Wright. "These awards are given to people who perform heroic duties outside of their military responsibilities. The four people we are honoring this year exemplify the concept of the National Guard citizen soldier and believe our dual mission to protect and serve the citizens of the nation and the residents of the state extend beyond duty hours."

The personnel being recognized for their selfless response to assist others in need are:

- Sgt. 1st Class Lori Barnes, Wyoming Army National Guard State Area Command

In September 2003, Barnes pulled an elderly woman from a house fire. Barnes was driving by the structure when her son noticed smoke. After calling 911, Barnes entered the burning building to rescue the occupant. She also applied

first aid, controlling bleeding and treating the woman for shock until paramedics arrived.

- Sgt. 1st Class Robyn Young, Wyoming National Guard Counter Drug Support Program

In October 2004, Young was working at the Wyoming Department of Criminal Investigation when she received a call from the Big Horn County Sheriff's Office. The dispatcher on the line informed Sgt. Young that a Wyoming resident vacationing in London, England, had called a clinic in Basin to tell them she had swallowed a number of pills in an attempt to commit suicide. Within a few hours, and by working with international agencies, Young was able to trace the woman's location in London and send officials to assist her.

- Master Sgt. Jurri Saddler, 153rd Medical Squadron, Wyoming Air National Guard

In November 2004, Saddler and his wife were eating dinner at a Cheyenne restaurant. During dinner, a man seated at the table behind the Saddlers began choking. The man's wife was attempting to help her husband, but without luck. Saddler asked if he could assist and, by performing the Heimlich maneuver, was able to clear the man's airway.

- Tech. Sgt. Shane Mazur, 243rd Air Traffic Control Squadron, Wyoming Air National Guard

Mazur is being recognized for his quick actions to aid victims in two separate vehicle accidents in the summer of 2004. In the first, he arrived first on scene of a head on collision near the Cheyenne Golf Course. He rendered aid to an injured elderly passenger until medical responders arrived. In the second, he was the first person on the scene of a rollover on Interstate 25 and administered first aid to the two people ejected from the vehicle.